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AMENDMENT

In response to the second non-final Office Action mailed September 25, 2003, kindly amend the application as detailed below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, and 24 are amended; claims 3, 11, 13, 16, and 20 are canceled, and claims 27-45 are new. (The claims amendments are formatted in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.173(b) and MPEP § 1453.)

- 1. (Twice Amended) A unit dose reagent chamber for use in a test apparatus for the detection of adenosine triphosphate (ATP) [or alkaline phosphatase (AP)] in a test sample, and wherein a moveable probe is employed to obtain a test sample and to release reagents from the reagent chamber to a test unit, which unit dose chamber comprises:
 - a) a cylinder having a one open end and an other opposite open end;
- b) a probe-puncturable membrane seal over the one end and the other end of the cylinder to form a sealed compartment; and